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The Honorable Timothy P. Sheehan  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

Thank you for your letter of 17 April 1953, in which you have enclosed your remarks made on the Floor of the House during the debate on S. 1110.

I note in your statement that it was the feeling of some persons formerly in the employ of G-2 of the Department of the Army that certain other former G-2 personnel, whom they characterize as pro-Russians or Russian sympathizers, entered the employ of CIA, and you ask whether they have been weeded out or whether they are still in our employ. I can only repeat to you the assurances that I gave you in my letter of March 18, that we would never knowingly employ a person of pro-Soviet sympathies, and that if any such person had ever entered on duty here and we were to discover any derogatory information of the type which you have indicated, the employment of that person would be summarily terminated under my statutory authority.

If, at the present time or at any time in the future, you have any such names or any specific derogatory information regarding any employee of this Agency, I wish to renew my request contained in my previous letter that you bring such matters to my personal attention. I can assure you that such information will be treated on a confidential basis and will be investigated promptly.

In conclusion, I would like to associate myself most strongly with your comments regarding the necessity of bringing men with intelligence experience into the intelligence service. One of the

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first policies which General Walter B. Smith laid down when he became Director of CIA in October 1950, and one to which I am continuing to give the highest priority, is the development of a career service within CIA. The reservoir of experienced intelligence personnel is comparatively limited, so that in many instances we must start almost from scratch. Many of our statutory authorities which the Congress has so generously given us look toward the development of a career service in this vital field. We hope that we can have your continued support in this matter.

If you have any further questions arising out of your remarks on the Floor, I would be only too glad to discuss them with you in person, or I will ask my Legislative Counsel, Mr. Walter Pforzheimer, to call upon you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*I Signed*

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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In connection with your comment that men connected with the German investigative agency have said that CIA was infiltrated with Communists, I can only state that their statement is a malicious rumor which could only serve to undermine public faith in the American intelligence service. In connection with your statement that

~~former members of our intelligence corps have been apprehended in leaking or stealing secret documents, I can only state that to the best of my knowledge no one ever associated with CIA has been involved in such an activity.~~

In conclusion, I would like to associate myself most strongly with your comments regarding the necessity of bringing men with intelligence experience into the intelligence service. One of the first policies which General Walter B. Smith laid down when he became Director of CIA in October 1950, and one to which I am continuing to give the highest priority, is the development of a career service within CIA. The reservoir of experienced intelligence personnel is comparatively limited, so that in many instances we must start almost from scratch. Many of our statutory authorities which the Congress has so generously given us look toward the development of a career service in this vital field. We hope that we can have your continued support in this matter.

I would like to suggest that if there are any matters which you would like to pass on to us, or any questions which you would like to discuss, I would be happy to send my Legislative Counsel, Mr. Walter Pforzheimer, to call upon you at your convenience.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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